

SIMPLICITY MARKS
BALFOUR BANQUETBritish Army Officers Attend
White House Dinner in
Service Uniforms.

Simplicity and informality marked the dinner given at the White House last night in honor of Foreign Secretary Balfour and the members of the British war commission.

The naval and military men among the visitors wore their field service uniforms of khaki at the dinner and reception, but a touch of picturesque color was lent by the full dress uniforms worn by Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, General Kuhn, and other officers of the United States army and navy. By way of apology, the British officers explained that dress uniforms had been banned by them for the duration of the war.

Only two women attended the dinner Mrs. Wilson, beside whom sat Mr. Balfour, and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, who was near the President and Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador. At Mr. Balfour's left sat Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

Following the dinner, which began at 8 o'clock and ended an hour and a half later, the entire party of American and British officials and officers adjourned to the Blue Room. There the President held an informal reception with all of the dinner guests and a number of subordinate members of the commission.

Those who attended the dinner were: The President and Mrs. Wilson, Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, the Vice President, the Chief Justice, the Speaker of the House, the ambassador of Great Britain, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, Sir George Foster, Gen. B. T. M. Bridges, Rear Admiral Sir Dudley R. S. De Chair, Lord Cunliffe, Sir S. H. Lever, Sir Joseph Pope, Sir Eric Drummond, Ian Malcolm, Fleet Paymaster Gen. V. A. Lawford, Major H. Spencer Clay, Geoffrey C. Butler, C. F. R. Dornier, Secretary of State Lansing, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Secretary of War Baker, Attorney General Gregory, Postmaster General Burleson, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Secretary of the Interior

BRITISH UNAWARE OF
FRENCH MISSION

So great was the secrecy of the plans of France and England to send war missions to this country that each was planned without the other knowing anything about it. The British mission knew nothing of the French visitors until they landed in Canada.

"We in England have thought France probably would take some such steps," said Geoffrey Butler, official spokesman for the party, "but we didn't know."

"We got our first authentic information about the French mission when we landed on this side."

"We were very quiet about ours, too, and probably General Joffre sailed in equal ignorance of our plans."

"Of course, though, we all hope to 'get together.'"

Lane, Secretary of Agriculture Houston, Secretary of Commerce Redfield, Secretary of Labor Wilson, Secretary to the President Tumulty, Rear Admiral W. S. Benson, Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, U. S. A.; Maj. Gen. George Barnett, commandant U. S. M. C.; Brig. Gen. Joseph E. Kuhn, Counselor of the State Department Frank I. Polk, Assistant Secretary of State Phillips, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carl Vrooman, Third Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long, Gov. William P. C. Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board; Comptroller John Skelton Williams, William Denman, of the Shipping Board; President Daniel Willard, of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad; Bernard M. Baruch, Howard E. Coffin, Dr. Hollis Godfrey, Samuel Gompers, Dr. Franklin H. Martin, Julius Rosenwald, Col. W. W. Harris, and Lieut. Comdr. Robert L. Barry.

URGES MINIMUM
PRICES FOR FOODIowa College President Ap-
pears Before Senate Com-
mittee of Agriculture.

Government action to fix minimum prices of certain commodities to guarantee the farmers against loss and to stimulate production was one of the important steps for the remedy of the food shortage urged today before the Senate Committee on Agriculture by R. A. Pearson, president of the Iowa State College of Agriculture. Dr. Pearson has been retained as assistant to Secretary Houston for the war emergency.

George W. Perkins, who has been prominent in handling the food situation in New York has been asked to appear.

Dr. L. B. H. Weld, of Sheffield Scientific School, Yale, was before the committee this morning, as well as Dr. Pearson, advocating minimum prices.

He discussed many phases of the food question, including marketing and distribution. He said he did not believe it would be necessary to fix maximum prices.

Even in France, he said, maximum prices had been fixed only on wheat, bread, and sugar.

A feature of the statement of Dr. Pearson was that he urged action as quickly as possible.

That high cost of seed and labor and fear of a sudden falling off in the market in case of early peace have combined to reduce planted acreage, was the view of Dr. Pearson. But he predicted there would be a good market under any circumstances.

"Over production," said Dr. Pearson, "is impossible now, yet it is a hard thing to get that out among the farmers. They ought to be protected by minimum prices."

"Even if the war should end in thirty or fifty days, there would be no danger of over production."

The serious condition of the wheat crop in Argentina, he said, was another element in the situation.

CONCERTS TODAY

AT THE MARINE BARRACKS, AT 2:30 P. M., BY THE U. S. MARINE BAND ORCHESTRA.
WILLIAM H. SANTELMANN, Leader.
March, "Call of America".....Goldmark
Overture, "Sakuntala".....Goldmark
Suite solo, "Ballade et Danse des Sylphes" (Op. 5).....Andersen
Musician Robert M. Seal.
"The Evolution of Dixie".....Lake
(A fantasia depicting the gradual evolution of Dixie slowly through the Creation, dance aboriginal, and the famous minuet. The melody is developed until there emerges the immortal "Dixie." This, in turn, becomes a waltz, then a mazurka, and at last grand opera.)
Suite (Op. 4).....Tuchalkowsky
A. Introduction in B major. B. Divertissement. C. Andante. D. Marche miniature. E. Gavotte.
"Slavische Rhapsodie".....FriedmannCONCERT BY U. S. SOLDIERS' HOME BAND.
THIS AFTERNOON, STANDSTAND, AT 4 O'CLOCK.
JOHN S. M. ZIMMERMAN, Director.March, "Civilization".....Scharfetter
Overture, "Schauspiel".....Bach
Morceau, "Simplicity".....Dorothy Lee
Selection, "Kathina".....Prini
Fox trot, "Down Honolulu Way".....Burke
Valse hesitation, "La Confession".....Morgan
Dance characteristics, "A Southern Wedding".....Lester
Finale, "It's So Tempting".....Manasco
The Star-Spangled Banner.

GIRLS ON SOLDIERS' ARMS

Tattooists Do Rushing Business
With British Tommies.

LONDON, April 24.—Burchette, leading London tattooist, has had to open a second establishment on account of the rush of war business.

Soldiers and sailors want their girls' picture on their arms, while many young women insist on bearing the likeness of their "men," done in indelible ink, in their skin, too.

"A good many soldiers bring me photographs of girls to tattoo, but this is not always wise," said Artist Burchette today. "Sometimes it's a case of off with the old love, and you can't get her off your arm."

THE SHOPPING CENTER
The PALAIS ROYAL
Estab. 1877 Desirable Qualities—Correct in Style A. Lissner

A Fact Now Generally Known

Already announced—the accident to the sprinkler system of a manufacturing tailor in New York—the settlement by the insurance companies—and of 800 Men's Suits—the undamaged portion of the stock—secured by the Palais Royal representative.

Suits \$12.75 and \$14.50

—Made to Retail at \$20 and up to \$30

Probably five hundred (500) of these suits have been sold. If the reader is not yet owner of one or more of them the time has come for prompt action. All sizes promised tomorrow's visitors—including many clever styles in young men's sizes, 32 to 38.

Palais Royal, Street Floor, Men's Shop.

Colorful Summertime Wash Dress Goods

Regular 25c Yard 21c One Day Tomorrow

38-inch to 40-inch Printed Dress Voiles, aglow with rich colorings in attractive designs; regularly 25c yard. For Wednesday Only at 21c yard.
"SPORTS"—38-inch Printed Sport Stripes, wide and narrow, showing the latest colorings; also the big polka dots so much sought after. Yard 39c to \$1.00

SHIRTINGS—32-inch Fine Striped Shirting Madras; new line of rich colorings. Yard 39c

TUSSELS—Sport Tussehs, the shimmering half-silk fabric, in cool tones, of blue, pink, lavender, green, and tan; 36 inches wide. Yard 49c

VOILES—45-inch Venetian 2-ply yarn voiles, such pretty, simple evening and afternoon frocks; may be made of them. Yard 39c

"FLAXON"—34-inch Pure White Flaxon; small and medium checks, sheer quality for waists and children's wear. Yard 25c

"IVANHOE"—32-inch Anderson Celebrated Ivanhoe Gingham, beautiful range of plaids and stripes. Yard 19c

"FROMENADE"—Suiting in light blue, green, black, tan, old blue, rose, and pink; 36 inches wide. Yard 39c

SUITINGS—36-inch Sport Suiting; white grounds with fancy figures. Yard 75c

Palais Royal, Second Floor, Near Elevators.

New and "Sporty" Waists
Special \$1.95 Third Floor

Worth coming to see—the Japanese Silk Models in sport patterns—also the Pongee Silk and Voile Waists, lace and embroidery trimmed, in new and dainty effects. And only \$1.95!

Three New Specials at \$3.95.

A small lot of crepe de chine and satin striped tub silk waists, latest styles, with large collars and fancy pearl buttons; also the popular double-breasted style, with deep collar and large cuffs, in flesh and white. All look worth more than \$3.95.

Superlatively Good at \$5.00.

A double-breasted style in Georgette, with two rows of pearl buttons and large accordion pleated frill in white and flesh, another style has large soft frill, flat patterned lace trimming, and large collar. Others beaded and embroidered in all the leading colors, peach, bisque, chartreuse, tea rose, white, and flesh. Also Sport models in fancy Georgettes at \$4. Palais Royal—Third Floor—4 Elevators.

Do you think our Government
should confiscate the property of
its citizens without compensation?

Do you know that the annual revenue paid the government by the liquor industry exceeds the total annual interest on the new SEVEN BILLION DOLLAR WAR LOAN?

—that there are now stored in Government Bonded Warehouses, over 211,000,000 gallons of whiskey and other spirits?

—that distillers have given bonds to the Government for over \$232,000,000 for payment of taxes on these goods?

—that prohibition would confiscate not only the millions lawfully invested in distillery property, but also the millions of gallons stored in bonded warehouses, and would confiscate bonds to the extent of \$232,000,000—an amount greatly in excess of the total capital and surplus of all the bonding companies in America—so that the Government would lose \$232,000,000 taxes?

These conditions exist because the government—in order to provide pure and mature goods—has decreed that whiskey may remain in bond 8 years and, if bottled in bond, must remain in bond 4 years for bottling purposes.

The Constitution of the United States guarantees that private property shall not be taken nor destroyed for the public good, without due compensation to owners.

Prohibition is alleged to be for the public good. Prohibition as now proposed is ruthless confiscation. From every standpoint of American justice, should not the cost be borne by the Government—state or national—decreeing it? Confiscation without compensation is un-American and contrary to the Constitution of the United States.

The liquor industry has paid to date over six billion dollars in taxes to the Federal Government, and is now paying nearly \$1,000,000 per day.

We ask a just and equitable consideration of the economic, moral and financial problems of proposed Prohibition.

Write for detailed information on any point.

The National Association of Distillers and Wholesale Dealers

Comprising 80% of the Distillers and allied interests of the United States

Executive Offices: Cincinnati, O.

THE BASEMENT STORE

A Permanent Place for Thrift and Husbandry

SUPERB LOT OF \$1 PETTICOATS

Black Summer Petticoats That
Ordinarily Sell at \$1.00 Each,
For Wednesday Only, At . . . 59c

SPLENDID VALUES—1.—Black Petticoats of light weight, 2 with silk-like mercerized finish. 2.—Petticoats, a good imitation of "Heatherbloom," fast black and otherwise superior. 3.—Petticoats with neat ruffles up to flounces 14 inches deep. Ample quantities for one busy day—tomorrow—At 59c For Choice.

15c pair for Children's Black Hose, with triple knees and shaped ankles; sizes 6 to 9½; absolutely fast color; ordinarily selling at 19c. Special at 15c pair, or two pairs for 25c.

Dollies—200 dozen more of those linen and mercerized dollies. 6-inch size, 8c value, at 5c each. 10-in. size, 12½c value, at 10c each.

SHEETS

Usually Up to 75c
39c

Full Size Bed Sheets; 72x90 and 81x90 inches; seconds of sizes sold to 75c each; 39c each tomorrow. Limit 6 sheets to a customer. No phone or mail orders.

9c Yard—Splendid Value in a Big Lot of Wash Goods—White materials for dresses, waists and skirts, consisting of voiles, seeded voiles, Leno stripes, piques, and several other fancy effects. These are clean mill remnants, in good lengths. Special Wednesday only at 9c yard.

Others—A score or more of tables dot this Basement Store—ever changing, but ever filled with real bargains.

Summer Couch Covers at Only 85c

Imitation linen covers, in pretty striped designs, finished with fringe all around, a cool looking washable cover. Tomorrow at 85c.

This Basement Store Upholstery Department is furnishing Linoleum and other summer furnishings at prices creating real bargains. But note that orders for awnings are filled in the Second Floor Upholstery Department. On request our representative will call with samples. Phone Main 8780.

Rag Rugs, 25c

18x36 inches

Heavy quality washable Rag Rugs, in the popular hit and miss patterns, finished with fringe ends. 27x52 inch Stenciled Matting Rugs, 29c. 36x68 inch Stenciled Matting Rugs, 45c.

Basement Store.

Madras and Marquisette
12½c yard

Values to 35c yard

38-inch Madras, in pretty self-woven floral designs, a soft quality that will launder perfectly; 2 to 6 yard lengths. 36-inch plain Marquisette, choice of white or beige; a fine mercerized quality; 2 to 10 yard lengths, with plenty to match up for full set of curtains.

Basement Store.

Mosquito Netting,
75c a piece

Choice of green or white Mosquito Netting, 8 yards to a piece. Buy now while we still offer these nets at the old price. Choice of white, green, or red.

Basement Store.

Rarely Good Dresses and Coats

The sale started Monday with hundreds of Suits, Dresses and Coats. Suits nearly all sold—they were in fewer numbers.

\$10

Hurry time now for the dresses and coats. Come tomorrow—as early as convenient—and profit by this passing opportunity.

THE DRESSES

Some worth as much as \$19.50. Taffetas, satins, crepe de chine, and crepe meteor. In plain and combination with georgette crepe. Basque models; plaited tunic and plain styles; not a few with georgette sleeves. Many have white georgette collars; trimmings of embroidery. All the favored spring and summer shades.

Choice for \$10



THE COATS

Of wool velour, plaid velour, tweeds, poplins, serges, and cheviots. In plain tailored and belted styles, with normal and high waist lines. Trimmings that are new and in vogue. Plenty of black and navy materials, as well as bright and favored colors and plaids.

Choice for \$10

Accessories will be found on a score or more of tables—bargains—ever coming and going—in this Palais Royal Basement Store—a permanent place for thrift and husbandry.